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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk and Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission Synergy Business Park, The Saluda Building 101 Executive Center Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re:

Application of Talk America Services, LLC for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Competitive Local Exchange and Long Distance Carrier in Those Areas of the State of South Carolina where Windstream (WIN) Companies Are Currently Authorized and for Approval of the Transfer of Residential Local and Long Distance Customers of the WIN Companies to Talk America Services, LLC

Docket No. 2014-363-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please find enclosed for filing on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition (the "Coalition"), a Petition to Intervene in the above-referenced docket. By copy of this letter and Certificate of Service all parties of record will receive a copy of this Petition to Intervene via the U. S. Postal Service.

Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

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BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Docket No. 2014-363-C

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Public Convenience and Necessity to Operate as a Competitive)	PETITION TO
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Residential Local and Long Distance Customers of the WIN Companies to Talk America Services, LLC))	
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In response to the Commission's Notice of the Filing of the Application of Talk America Services, LLC ("TAS") for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications services in South Carolina, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition ('SCTC") submits the within Petition to Intervene in this proceeding. In support of its Petition, SCTC would respectfully show unto this honorable Commission that:

- 1. SCTC is a coalition of local exchange telephone companies organized and doing business under the laws of the State of South Carolina. SCTC's members are telephone companies or telephone cooperatives subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.
- 2. SCTC seeks to intervene in this proceeding with full rights to participate as a party of record insofar as its interests might appear.
- 3. SCTC's individual member companies provide local exchange telephone service within their respective geographic service areas. SCTC's position in this docket is that statewide certification of new entrant local exchange telecommunications service providers is not appropriate and is not in the public interest. The Application, as currently drafted, would

potentially impact each of the SCTC member companies and, therefore, the SCTC has an interest in this proceeding.

4. Correspondence and communications to SCTC with respect to this proceeding should be directed to the undersigned counsel.

WHEREFORE, the South Carolina Telephone Coalition respectfully requests that this honorable Commission permit its intervention in this proceeding as its interests might appear.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Heather M. Elder, do hereby certify that I have this date served one (1) copy of the Petition to Intervene on behalf of the South Carolina Telephone Coalition in the above-referenced docket upon the following parties causing said copy to be deposited with the United States Postal Service, first class postage prepaid and properly affixed thereto, and addressed as follows:

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